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Message from the Director

First of all, let me take this opportunity to thank all of you who have made the International Newsletter a success. To the readers and associates, we are deeply grateful for your continued support.

We are pleased to preface this issue with an exciting update on Houston, the international hub city, as we build on our success as a dynamic leader in the global economy.



Helen T. Chang

We recently have been involved, with the assistance of the Canadian Consul General in Houston, in establishing the preliminary groundwork for partnership between Houston and Calgary, widely known as the heart of Canada's oil and energy industries. Houston and Calgary share not only a common interest in oil and gas technology and equipment, but also a dedication to the aerospace and health care industries. The partnership will benefit the citizens of both cities economically.

In addition, our recent developments with Guangdong province continue to strengthen the cultural exchange between Houston and China. Upcoming agreements include a cooperative partnership with the City of Guangzhou in the fields of port, airport, education and public health, and Houston as the host of the first annual Chinese Lantern Festival in February of 2006.

We have recently hosted a delegation of Shanghai government officials and business leaders, led by Shanghai Mayor Han Zheng. Three agreements were signed on April 1, 2005, between Houston and Shanghai in the areas of partnership, port, and education, further strengthening and broadening our city's network of international alliances.

Helen T. Chang
Director of International Affairs and Development

March 2005 Highlights

Houston Hosts Malaysian Minister of International Trade & Industry

Malaysia is widely known as a strong economic force of Southeast Asia, having transformed itself from an exporter of raw materials to a multi-sector economy in three decades. To highlight Malaysia's future and important role in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), a seminar titled "Business Opportunities in Malaysia" was presented on March 2, 2005, at the Renaissance Hotel - Houston. The all-day event not only presented meeting opportunities for Houston-area companies with members of the Malaysian business delegation in attendance, the Malaysian Minister of International Trade & Industry, Honorable Madam Rafidah Aziz, herself was featured as the keynote speaker. Addressing over 250 attendees, Minister Rafidah, drawing upon the eighteen years of her experience and leadership, described the tremendous economic progress Malaysia has made in the last three decades and highlighted the strengths that the country has to offer to foreign investment, particularly in downstream petrochemical industry, machinery & equipment manufacturing, oil or gas equipment manufacturing, consumer electronics, agricultural and pharmaceutical biotechnology, and nanotechnology.

Minister Rafidah emphasized the continued growth of strong economic links between the United States and Malaysia (citing the signed 2004 Free Trade Agreement), and summarized that investment in Malaysia not only gives access to the country itself, but to the entire ASEAN market of half a billion people. – **David Chang**

Ireland in Houston

Dia dhuit!

On March 11th, the Honorable Pat the Cope Gallagher, Ireland's Minister of State, came to Houston and highlighted business opportunities in the Emerald Isle. During the luncheon hosted by the Greater Houston Partnership, Minister Gallagher described the remarkable features of today's Irish economy and the attractive opportunities it offers for businesses here in Houston. From a country that had incomes 35% below the European average in the late 1980's, Ireland has, in less than a generation, earned itself a position among the world's richest nations. Incomes now are 20% above the European average, with economic growth three times the EU average.

This "new" Ireland is ripe with opportunity. The consensus of economists is that the Irish economy has the potential to sustain high growth levels for the rest of the decade. Irish industry has created over 370,000 new jobs and Ireland has one of the most open economies in the world. Ireland is also a major base for international corporations, such as Yahoo, Google, Amazon, and ebay. Ireland has risen to the challenge of meeting the needs of a changing world, and indeed, we look forward to growing relations with Ireland in the years to come. – **By Ivy Kuperberg**



John C. Welch III, Senior Vice President, J.P. Morgan Chase (left); The Honorable Pat the Cope Gallagher T.D., Ireland's Minister of State, Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources (middle); Helen T. Chang, Director of MOIAD.

Did You Know?

Ireland's top three exporters in 2001 were Dell, Microsoft and Intel (18% of the total). One in three computers sold in the European Union is manufactured in Ireland. Ireland is also the largest software exporter in the world! Source: EU Presidency 2004

European Union Commission Meets with MOIAD

As the fourth largest city in the nation and a major international city, Houston welcomes visitors and dignitaries from all corners of the globe throughout the year. The Mayor's Office of International Affairs & Development is honored to have had the opportunity to receive two officials from the European Union Commission Directorate-General for Trade for a meeting in City Hall during the afternoon of March 18, 2005.

Messrs. Antonio Berenguer and Marco Esposito are visiting various major cities of the United States under the auspices of the U.S. State Department's "International Visitor Leadership Program," on a fact-finding tour on how cities in the United States develop policies on international trade, intellectual property rights, and external aspects of enterprise policy. Messrs. Berenguer and Esposito specialize in such issues pertaining to China, Korea, and the Ukraine; as such, they were interested in learning from Ms. Helen T. Chang, Director of Mayor's Office of International Affairs & Development (MOIAD) on how the MOIAD assists and facilitates our citizens and Houston-area companies in developing international trade ties, particularly with the dynamic markets in East Asia.



From left to right: Helen Chang; Antonio Berenguer; Marco Esposito; Barbara Howard.

Did You Know?

Within the United States, TEXAS is the top recipient of the European Union's foreign direct investment (FDI) at \$53,232 million, followed by California, New York and Michigan, respectively. Out of the fifty states, Texas is the third largest exporter to the European Union. Source: eurunion.org

During the meeting, Ms. Chang gave an overview of Houston, the MOIAD duties and cited case-specific examples of assistance to companies that are expanding overseas, and engaged in a Q&A session with the E.U. officials. At the conclusion of the visit, both Ms. Chang and Mr. Berenguer warmly agreed to explore future trade and economic possibilities for Houston and the European Union, and welcomed further cooperation between the two administrations. – **By David Chang**

Honduran Mayors Visit with City of Houston



From left to right: Feliciano Lara; Rector Dannel Bueso; Marilú Urquía; Mark Goldberg; Santos Discua; Roberto Castro; Rodolfo J. Cortina

On March 23, 2005, District C Council Member and Vice Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Goldberg graciously hosted a delegation of three mayors from cities in Honduras. Mayors Santos Discua (City of Siguatepeque) Feliciano Lara (City of Concepción de Copán), and Marilú Urquía (City of Marcala) were members of the government delegation that has been undergoing training seminars at the University of Houston Center of Americas, under the directorship of Dr. Rodolfo Cortina. To cap off the classroom curriculum, they mayors had an opportunity to visit and experience Houston.

During the courtesy visit, Vice Mayor Pro-Tem Goldberg highlighted Houston's strengths as an international city, as the "Gateway to Latin America" and reaffirmed our continued commitment to our Latin American neighbors. – **By David Chang**

Celebrate Shanghai in Houston Gala Dinner

欢迎光临!

It was a meeting of East and West as Mayor Han of Shanghai and his 50-member delegation descended upon Houston on March 31, 2005. The visit was marked by a gala dinner filled with the sounds of beating drums and dancing dragons as well as the signing of three agreements in the areas of city partnership, port, and education partnership at the Houston – Shanghai Business Forum.

The Gala dinner started out with the ceremonious drawing of the eyes on the two lion headdresses which came all the way from Shanghai. This Chinese traditional ceremony was done by Mayor Bill White and Mayor Han Zheng marking the new beginnings of the bilateral partnership between Houston and Shanghai. The crowd followed the two leaders inside the ballroom, where, over the din of animated conversations and warm greetings by John Hofmeister, the Master of Ceremonies and President of Shell Oil Company.



Mayor Bill White (left); Mayor Han Zheng (middle); Harris County Judge Robert Eckels (right).

Next was Helen T. Chang, the Event Chair, who enthusiastically expressed how wonderful it was to bring together two great cities whose booming economies showed that we had many things to share with one another. Mayor White shared these sentiments, stating that he was incredibly impressed with the economic performance of Shanghai, and any pointers Mayor Han could give him were more than welcome. Judge Eckels followed, reiterating the desire to form even closer relationships between the two cities.

Finally, it was time for the guest of honor. Mayor Han addressed the guests with an eloquent and respectful remarks, making a speech that emphasized both economics and friendship. And of course, one of the strongest ties between the two cities: Yao Ming. In conclusion, the event was filled with great people, great food, and go Rockets! – **By Ivy Kuperberg**



The 12th Houston Japan Festival

すばらしい!

From anime and manga, to tea ceremony and taiko drum demonstrations, experience Japan at the 12th Houston Japan Festival! On April 2nd and 3rd, Hermann Park was transformed into an authentic Japanese village with colorful

flags, windsocks, cherry blossoms, and paper lanterns. Enjoyed the sound of Japanese music and took in the dance and art performances as you tasted the Japanese food. There was a Koi fish display, authentic Japanese games such as wanage, go, and pogs, as well as the traditional Japanese cultural arts of origami, ikebana, and bonsai. Entertainment was provided on two stages by the Sakura Japanese Dance Company, the Houston Young Artists Company, and Kaminari Taiko. Walking into the lovely Japanese Gardens located right in the middle of Hermann Park and experiencing a tour of Japanese culture, the 12th Houston Japan Festival was sure a fantastic cultural event. - **By Ivy Kuperberg**



Upcoming Major Events

American Turkish Association Picnic Commemorating the Children's Day



Children's Day is celebrated in many countries around the world, especially in Turkey. The American Turkish Association of Houston organizes a Children's Day picnic every year on April 24th in the local parks. Families gather in celebration on this day, enjoying plenty of food and entertainment. Kids' activities usually include a moon-walk, hula-hoops, horse shoe competitions, drawing and painting, singing and dancing contests, and, of course, the most beloved kids activity: face painting. For teenagers and adults, the soccer tournament is a favorite activity. This year the gathering will be held at the Hermann Park on Sunday, April 24th. - **By Natalie Kassenyevea**

Special Thanks

*Article graciously submitted
by Natalie Kassenyevea of the
American Turkish Association
of Houston*

2005 Trade Mission to Asia

Hong Kong ∅ Shanghai ∅ Dalian ∅ Beijing ∅ Tokyo ∅ Nagoya June 21 – July 2, 2005

What is the Trade Mission to Asia?

The Houston relationship with Southeast and East Asia continues to grow rapidly, particularly in the port, airport, IT/ hi-tech, energy, petrochemical and medical science sectors. With its eye on growth and in keeping with our mission statement to promote Houston on the international stage, the Mayor's Office, City of Houston will lead a Trade Mission to Asia in June of 2005. The itinerary includes our largest trading partners and financial hubs of Asia: **Beijing, Dalian, Hong Kong, Nagoya, Shanghai, and Tokyo.**

Why should I attend?

The purpose of this trade mission is to promote Houston as a renowned international city in these cities of Asia and to open new spectrum of opportunities for Houston-based companies. The mission will provide Houston companies with the unique opportunity to explore the emerging new business possibilities in Asia and will include an arranged business forum, Business-to-Business meetings, meetings with senior government officials, and other support to Houston companies to develop business in these fastest-growing consumer markets in the world. If the allure of traveling to the financial and cultural hubs of the Orient doesn't charm you, then perhaps these business opportunities will! For registration, please see page 12. – **By Wing-Sai Dion Or**



Meet the Consular Corps in Houston

Brazil

This month, we had the pleasure to speak with the very entertaining and thoroughly charming Carlos Alberto Azevedo Pimentel, the Consul General of Brazil in Houston. From weather conditions in Poland to the Rice University Shepherd School of Music, Consul General Pimentel shared the joys of his job and the joys of Houston.

Consul General Pimentel came to the Houston Consulate of Brazil in August 2003. Previously, Consul General Pimentel had served as the ambassador from Brazil to Poland, a place he says was only “a little bit colder” than Houston at 10 degrees below

freezing. But while Consul General Pimentel had to wear a massive overcoat from late September to the middle of April, he found the job “very very nice” due in part to the wonderful people.



The Honorable Carlos Alberto Azevedo Pimentel, Consul General of Brazil in Houston

He is quick to extend the same praise to Houstonians. Everyone in Houston is “very open,” Consul General Pimentel says, and they are a “smiling people.” He also commends the support he receives from the “very very interesting Brazilian community” who have “helped him a lot” with his job. “They are great,” he says. “They will just come out and tell me, ‘this is interesting.’” He also praises the support he receives from the municipal government and the state government, both of which are very important to him.

At heart, Consul General Pimentel is just a regular cowboy. When asked his favorite aspect of Houston, he was quick to respond, “My favorite? I love the rodeo!” He also loves “the sensation of freedom that Houston gives you,” as well as the surrounding greenery that makes you feel as though you “live in a garden.” He enjoys the “very active university life,”

citing his opportunities to visit the Rice University campus, attend joint meetings at the school, and hear concerts by the “magnificent” orchestra at the Rice University Shepherd School of Music. Consul General Pimentel is also appreciative of his “very good relations with UT-Austin.”

Our conversation ended with another discussion about the weather. When asked how similar the two climates were, Consul

General Pimentel laughed and said, “Well, let me just say that the only place I’ve been to in Brazil that feels like Houston in July is the Amazon rainforest.”

- By Ivy Kuperberg



Iguazu Falls, Brazil



Map of Brazil

International Hub: The Houston World Affairs Council

The Houston World Affairs Council is a nonprofit Texas corporation chartered in 1990 to undertake programs to increase public understanding of the creation and implementation of public policy in foreign affairs. Its antecedents are the Houston Council on World Affairs, chartered in 1961, and the Gulf Coast Council on Foreign Affairs, renamed the Gulf Coast World Affairs Council.



*Linda Wuest,
Executive Director
of Houston World
Affairs Council*

Today there are about 100 separate World Affairs Councils in the United States, with a total membership of 200,000. These independent Councils generate funds and programs for themselves locally. In Washington, the World Affairs Councils of America furnishes guidance and assistance, such as speaker sources and program options, without having direct participation in program or

funding decisions of the Council. The Houston Council is strictly non-partisan; it advocates no position, but rather provides a forum for many views. We present world leaders, authoritative speakers, authors and scholars who can inform us about current issues and provide historical perspectives. We seek to educate and inform, fostering a broad public understanding of world affairs and of the effect of international events on our lives.

Receiving no government funds, the Houston Council is wholly self-supporting through individual and corporate dues. Its board of directors is comprised of leaders from the Houston business and academic community. Currently we have over 4,000 members. We produce 35-50 programs each year at a reasonable price and frequently free to students. All programs are open to the public, and the low price allows access to people from all walks of life. We also provide resources for area schools, sponsor seminars for teachers, and furnish speakers to high school

government and geography classes. America's influence in the world is broad and profound. The mission of the Houston World Affairs Council has never been more relevant: *to promote America's understanding of the world—the people, the politics, the economies and the cultures.* For more information about the World Affairs Council, please visit www.houstonworldaffairs.org/ - **By Jessica Michan**

Houston World Affairs Council offers specially designed groups exclusive to its members:

Educational Outreach Program provides a forum for the discussion of international issues for students and teachers.

Young Professionals Group events are held outside the regular Council schedule including dinner discussions with a speaker, cocktail receptions, and cultural outings.

Council Cabinet events provide unique opportunities to meet and converse with some of the most influential people of our time.

Corporate briefings provide extra value to its corporate members through special briefings.

WorldQuest is a fun, fast-paced competition.

Travel Series provide a unique opportunity to combine sight-seeing and cultural events.

Great Decisions held in the spring; members exchange ideas and opinions about current international issues and the effect of U.S. foreign policy on its citizens and the world.

National Conference brings together World Affairs Council members from all over the country.

The Jones Award honors our International Citizen of the Year--a Houstonian who has had an impact on international affairs.

Special Thanks

*Article graciously submitted by Jessica Michan,
Communications Coordinator of the Houston
World Affairs Council.*

International Frontier – Nijad Fares

Every month we focus upon a Houstonian who has made an indelible mark on our city through outstanding contributions and service to the growth of Houston as an international city.



Nijad Fares

Houston's Arab community has a strong advocate in Mr. Nijad Fares. The Lebanese businessman has been promoting U.S.-Arab relations for 16 years; this year, he will bring the second annual U.S.-Arab Economic Forum to the Space City.

The 2000 Census revealed that Houston is home to the fourth largest Arab population in the U.S. "Houston has always been a close tie to the Arab world for the obvious oil connection," Mr. Fares said, "but those who come truly feel like Houston is their second home."

Mr. Fares has long been a spokesperson for the Lebanese community, serving on numerous advisory panels for Arab affairs, participating in local and national politics, and promoting Houston as an international city. He believes that "Houston has become more cosmopolitan" and "more accessible and friendly to the Arab world." The friendliness was not diminished by September 11. "Nothing has changed for the Arab community in Houston that did not change for everyone in America," he said. "We are all more careful, more aware about safety and security. Houston has been exemplary. We have not been singled out." One of Mr. Fares' passions is to mobilize the Arab community to be better American citizens, citing the cultural belief that "politics is trouble"

as the Arab community's biggest hurdle. He encourages his community to participate in the system, to vote, and to let their voices be heard. "We are not all terrorists. All we hear about are the bad people, but there are also good people who are hard-working, honest, average Americans. I want them to know that it's OK to disagree. We have the right to agree or disagree – it's part of the greatness of our country."

One of the ways in which Mr. Fares is achieving recognition for Houston as an international city is through his successful bid to host the second annual U.S.-Arab Economic Forum in Houston. The event is expected to draw more than 2,000 business and government leaders from the Middle East and the U.S. to Houston from September 14-16. "This is an opportunity for medium-sized businesses that wouldn't normally have access to the Middle East market," said Mr. Fares.

Mr. Fares moved to Houston in 1989, attracted by its business climate and wonderful people. He likens Houston to his favorite city, Beirut, praising both as "welcoming and vibrant." Here in Houston, Mr. Fares has raised a family (a wife and three daughters), a business practice (running several corporations, notably Wedge Group) and an enviable golf handicap. "Houston is the place to be," Mr. Fares said. "I wouldn't live any other place in the world."

- By Kelly Wright

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**Next Submission Deadline:
April 20, 2005**

April - 2005 Event Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Venue/Contact
April	--	City of Houston and Holocaust Museum Houston: Coexistence exhibit	Venue: City Hall Contact: N.A.
April 1&2, 3	8:00pm, 3:00pm & 7:00pm	Asia Society Texas: Sohrab and Rustum	Venue: Stages Reparatory Theatre Contact: asiasoc@asiassoc.pmail.biz
April 1	7:15am-9:00am	Houston Technology Center: Tech Champs Meeting	Venue: Houston Technology Center Contact: hrc@houstontech.org
April 1	9:00-11:30am	Celebrate Shanghai in Houston: Houston – Shanghai Business Forum	Venue: Inter-Continental Hotel Contact: Helen Chang 713-247-3595
April 1	7:00pm-11:00pm	Fantastic Shoe Event 2005': Cocktail Party	Venue: HESS Club Contact: 281-537-1667
April 2	8:30am-5:30pm	Leadership and Education for Asian Pacifics: Community Forum: "You Must Be the Change You Wish To See in the World."	Venue: HCC Town and Country Contact: Cecil.fong@shell.com
April 2	7:00pm-10:00pm	VCSA's 15 th Anniversary Gala Banquet	Venue: J.W. Marriott Hotel Contact: 281-933-8118
April 2-3	TBD	Japan-America Society of Houston: Japan-America Festival	Venue: Hermann Park Contact: 713-963-0121
April 4	6:00pm	Bilateral US-Arab Chamber of Commerce and Houston World Affairs Council: Arab-Israel Peace: Is it Possible and How Do We Get There?	Venue: Westin Oaks Hotel Contact: 713-880-8278
April 5, 7, 12, and 14	9:00-noon	Success in the City: First-Step, A Business Start-Up workshop	Venue: University of Houston (2302 Fannin) Contact: 281-391-2636
April 5	11:30am-1:00pm	Greater Houston Partnership: Roundtable Luncheon with the President, American Business Council of Dubai	Venue: GHP Contact: 713-844-3635
April 6	7:00am	30 th Annual Greater Houston Prayer Breakfast	Venue: Hilton Americas Hotel – Grand Ballroom Contact: 713-688-4343
April 6	8:00am-5:00pm	U.S. Department of Commerce: Asia Now, Business Solutions Seminar	Venue: University of Memphis Contact: Fogelman Jetta.denend@mail.doc.gov
April 6	6:00pm	Asia Society Texas: Jimmy Engineer, Artist and Social Crusader	Venue: Compass Bank Contact: 713-439-0265
April 7	11:30am-1:30pm	Greater Houston Partnership: 7 th annual Comerica Business Forum	Venue: Hilton Americas Contact: (214) 969-6613
April 7, 8	8:30-5:15pm	Greater Houston Partnership: NIGERIA 2005, Licensing Round for Oil & Gas Exploration & Production Blocks	Venue: InterContinental Hotel Contact: 713-844-0261

April 8	7-10pm	Bilateral US-Arab Chamber of Commerce: “Arab Eyes”	Venue: FotoFest at Vine Street Studios Contact: 713-880-8168
April 8	6:30pm-10:30pm	Asian Chamber of Commerce: 10 th Annual Gala	Venue: Westin Galleria Hotel Contact: Elsie Huang 713-782-7222
April 12	6:30-9:30pm	Youth Leadership Council: YLC’S Leadership in Action Awards	Venue: Kim Son Restaurant Contact: James Yu, 832-603-1572
April 13	11:30am-1:00pm	Asian Chamber of Commerce: April Monthly Luncheon with keynote speaker, Dr. Errol Wirasinghe, President of Shanmar Inc.	Venue: Westin Galleria Hotel Contact: 713-782-7222
April 13	6:30-7:45pm	Houston World Affairs Council: “Alexander Hamilton: Shaping a Nation” by Ron Chernow	Venue: The Westin Oaks Hotel Contact: 713-522-7811
April 13	5:30pm-7:30pm	Houston Technology Center: Digital Mixer	Venue: HTC Contact: htc@houstontech.org
April 13	8:00am-5:00pm	U.S. Department of Commerce: Asia Outlook 2005	Venue: Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center Contact: 318-676-3064
April 13	8:30am-10:30am	Greater Houston Partnership: Breakfast meeting with Secretary Carlos M. Gutierrez, 25 th U.S. Secretary of Commerce, U. S. Department of Commerce	Venue: InterContinental Hotel Contact: 713-844-0236
April 13	PM	Indo-American Chamber of Commerce: Annual Golf Tournament	Venue: Tour & Golfcourse Contact: 832-746-8372
April 13	5:00pm	Foundation Performance Association: Meeting	Venue: Sheraton Brookhollow Contact: 713-688-0100
April 13	Noon	Annual International Chambers Golf Tournament	Venue: Longwood Golf Club Contact: 281-496-3165
April 14	6:30pm-8:30pm	Organization of Chinese Americans Greater Houston: Screening of “Wet Sand” and Reception with the film’s Director	Venue: The Multi-Ethnic Community Center Contact: Center
April 14	TBD	Inter-American Day of Culture	Venue: TBD Contact: http://www.cac-acc.org/contact_en.html
April 14	5:30pm-7:30pm	The Children’s Assessment Center: 2005 Cherish The Child Awards Reception	Venue: 2500 Bolsover Street Contact: 713-986-3531
April 14	6:30pm-8:30pm	OCA and Alliance for Multicultural Community Service: A Special Screening of “Wet Sand”	Venue: The Multi-ethnic Community Center Contact: N.A.
April 15	6:00pm-12:00am	Rice Native American Student Association: 12 th Annual Pow Wow	Venue: Rice University Contact: Elyse Walker ewalk@rice.edu
April 16	9:00am-5:00pm	Asian American Journalists Association: State Meeting, Jobs & Networking	Venue: University of Houston Contact: ashah@dallasnews.com

April 18	8:30am-10:00am	Greater Houston Partnership: Opportunities and Challenges for Doing Business in Mexico, Venezuela, Brazil, and Colombia	Venue: GHP Contact: 713-844-0236
April 19	11:30am-1:30pm	Greater Houston Partnership: Driving Change, The Next Logical Step in Evolution of Communications	Venue: InterContinental Houston Hotel Contact: Kim Salinas, 713-844-3691
April 21	6:00pm	Houston World Affairs Council: "The Tsunami Tragedy And International Response" by Dr. Samuel Ward Casscells	Venue: Junior League Building Contact: 713-522-7811
April 22	All Day	Bilateral US-Arab Chamber of Commerce: Iraqi Cultural Immersion Day	Venue: TBD Contact: 713-880-8168
April 22	9:30am-1:30pm	Greater Houston Partnership: India's Emerging Role in the New Global Economy	Venue: InterContinental Hotel Contact: 713-844-3637
April 24	--	Asia Society Texas: April Special Lectures presented by Shiraz Allibhai	Venue: Brown Auditorium, Museum of Fine Arts Contact: 713-439-0265
April 25	5:30pm-8:00pm	Federation of Houston Professional Women: "Working 9 to 5, What a Way to Make a Difference"	Venue: Hotel Derek Contact: http://fhpw.org/
April 26	7:00am-7:00pm	Houston Technology Center: 2005 Texas SBIR/STTR Conference	Venue: Rice University, Jones School Shell Auditorium Contact: http://www.biohouston.org/sbiri.asp
April 28	6:00-10:00pm	Success in the City: The Strut Your Style Fashion Show and Marketplace	Venue: Southwest Equestrian Center Mansion Contact: 281-391-2636

If you believe you can, you will.

We have one simple goal: to promote Houston as a renowned international city. Look for upcoming information in the International Newsletter on our future endeavors to establish bilateral partnerships with both Tokyo and Ecuador.

The contents are intended for general information purposes only.

2005 Trade Mission to Asia

Registration Form

I) Personal Information

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M.I. _____ Title _____

COMPANY
NAME: _____

INDUSTRY
SECTOR:

<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical	<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure
<input type="checkbox"/> Port	<input type="checkbox"/> Petrochemical	<input type="checkbox"/> Education
<input type="checkbox"/> Airport	<input type="checkbox"/> IT	<input type="checkbox"/> Others

(specify) _____

Company Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

II) General Information

Yes, I will be participating the Trade Mission to Asia in the following City:

☐ Hong Kong ☐ Shanghai* ☐ Beijing* ☐ Dalian*
☐ Tokyo ☐ Nagoya *visa application is required

Please describe your primary objectives for participating on the mission:

III) HOTEL ACCOMMODATION*

☐ Single ☐ Double occupancy ☐ Suite ☐ No, thanks. I will arrange by myself.

* Reservations are subject to availability

*Air ticket can be reserved through your own travel agent or contact Pally Travel, Stacy Mei at: 713-952-9898.

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